



Garretson's Hometown Christmas is next Saturday, Dec. 9. Look in next week's issue for more. Other area light displays are featured in this issue on page 2.

Blue Ink



Don't let the stress of the holidays get to you this season

25 ways to enjoy the holidays and keep your sanity and holiday spirit

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While this magical time of the year may bring many smiles, laughs, and warm hearts; it can also be responsible for stress, frustration, and a dearth of money in your bank account. To help keep your bearings in this time of hustle and bustle, these 25 tips may help you keep your holiday cheer.



1. Use all of your homework as wrapping paper.
2. Buy all of your gifts at Dollar General while also supporting local businesses.
3. Surround yourself with only positive friends and family.
4. Work out after eating those holiday treats to avoid negative views towards self image.
5. Guzzle some Kemps or Traditional Land O' Lakes Eggnog.
6. Drink some deliciously warm hot chocolate.

7. Make lots of snow angels.
8. Make snowmen and snowwomen.
9. Bake tons of holiday desserts.
10. Light some holiday scented candles.
11. Buy some ugly sweaters and stunt.
12. Go sledding (No, you're not "too old").
13. Listen to some classic Christmas songs.
14. Watch Freeform's 25 Days of Christmas movies.
15. Stand your ground when Aunt Betty tries to sass you.
16. Go to Falls Park and look at the pretty Christmas lights.
17. Snuggle under a fuzzy heated blanket.
18. Roast chestnuts on an open fire.
19. Don't let Jack Frost nip on your nose.
20. Heat up your car 10 minutes before you get in it.
21. Sit next to a warm fireplace.
22. Wear those fuzzy pajamas and



- socks that you have stored away.
23. Eat away your feelings with the abundance of good holiday food.
24. Go to the movies and see STAR WARS!!!
25. Nap as much as you can during Christmas Break.



This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Turquoise is the birth stone for the month of December while narcissus is the flower.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Not enough holiday in your house? Add ornaments to chandeliers for a more festive look throughout.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What does Santa like to do in the garden?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Which of these letters is the odd one out? "A F H K L N Y Z"

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, December 1**
- JH BBB v. Baltic (4:00)
 - MS Dance (7:30-10:00)
 - State Oral Interp @ Aberdeen
- Saturday, December 2**
- Wrestling @ Flandreau (10:00)
 - State Oral Interp @ Aberdeen
- Monday, December 4**
- JH/JV Wrestling @ Flandreau (4:00)
- Thursday, December 7**
- JH BBB @ Tri-Valley (4:00)
 - Wrestling Quad @ Parker (5:00)
- Friday, December 8**
- GBB @ Tri-Valley (4:00/6:00)
 - BBB @ Tri-Valley (5:00/7:00)

Gym space at a premium

Both boys and girls basketball practice started this week, joining junior high who started last week

You may have heard the squeak of shoes on the hardwood or noticed all the freshly showered classmates almost every single morning this week. While we are glad they are continuing to keep up on their hygiene, the true reason is that basketball season has officially started.

While junior high boys and girls have been occupying the gym space for the past two weeks, the high school teams finally have the nod to start practices, with their first game already next Friday.

To prepare for their 2017-2018 campaigns, both boys and girls teams have been running two-a-day practices for the majority of the week.

The coaches and players are hoping the extra time in the gym now as well as all the time in the weight room, open gyms, and camps this summer will payoff. Both teams are coming off seasons with lopsided records and are looking to rebound this year.

The girls return quite a few key players to their varsity roster this year including seniors Amyah

Ockenga, Erynn Fink, and Carmen Bohl. These seniors will pace the floor as they are accompanied by a strong underclassmen group.

The boys double the amount of seniors as the girls this season: Marc Rattenborg, Diontae Lymon, Keisean Deehr-Thornton, John Christian, Hunter Carver, and Erik Hanson. Other valuable returners to the squad are Brennan Mudder, coming back after an injury left him sidelined for the 2016-2017 season; Trevor Fiegen, and Drew Blosmo.

It is still early and on both teams the underclassmen are making some waves. Pair that with strong senior leadership and they are generating new excitement to help propel these hoopsters forward this year.

Worth Mentioning

Garretson Holiday Store is now open! There are a variety of items including a duffel bag, joggers, jackets, and hats. Click [here](#) to see the items. Store closes December 3 at 11:59 p.m.

Wrestling has their first competition tomorrow. Garretson will travel to Flandreau.

Winter Sports Apparel is here. Please stop by the office to pick up your order.

Junior High Girls Basketball had their first game of the season yesterday. While they came up on the short end against Sioux Falls Christian, they showed many great signs

Twinkle of the holidays turns to full shine

Light displays pop up all around the area to inspire and capture holiday spirit

by **Heather Huether**
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Parade of Lights:

The 26th annual Parade of Lights was on Friday, November 24th. The dazzling light show started at 7:30 pm and ended at 9 pm. This year was the very first year having a Jr. Grand Marshal leading the parade, Sean Kjergaard, a Brandon Valley student, and a Special Olympics and Feeding South Dakota volunteer.

Many awards were given out after the parade including, the CenturyLink Best Use of Lights which was awarded to Oakridge Nursery - for their float "Creating Outdoor Environment for Mrs. Claus & Your Elves Since 1979". Best Workmanship went to Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association for their float "American Freedom Christmas". The Spirit of Sioux Falls award was given to Knights of Columbus for "A Beacon of Hope". The Mayor's Choice went to Stockyards Ag Experience for "Home Grown Holidays". The final award was Downtown Sioux Falls Board Choice which went to Catfish Bay for "Lighted Pyramids"

The 27th annual Parade of Lights will be Friday, November 23, 2018.

Western Mall:

The Western Mall in Sioux Falls is once again hosting their Christmas light show for Make-A-Wish. They didn't have one last year due to declining donations but this year they are coming back strong. The show is organized by Joseph Noe, who origi-

nally had a show at his home in Crooks before it moved inside the Western Mall in 2010.

Over the past 11 years the light show has helped raise \$225,481.30 for Make-A-Wish of South Dakota. The wishes of more than 30 South Dakota children have come true from proceeds of the light display.

A few special events will also be going on during the show to help get more viewers. Friday, December 1st, The Better Living Store in the Western Mall will be giving away candy for the kids. Plus the first 1,000 adults will receive a coupon for a free massage in one of their state-of-the-art massage chairs. Sunday December 3rd, the AR Workshop in the Western Mall will be giving away coupons to make a free ornament, but only to the first 50 kids. All giveaways will begin at 6:00 pm and will continue until they are all gone.

The show runs from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day nightly from 5:30pm-9:30pm. The show is located in the center court area which allows viewers to comfortably enjoy five songs dancing through thousands of twinkling lights. It even features a fenced in snowy yard with a 24-ft. tall castle structure. The show runs about 15 minutes with a three minute intermission between sets. The overall show sponsor is Scheels, along with several other area businesses who helped make the display possible.

Falls Park:

Falls Park just recently lit up the

Sioux Falls holiday season, turning on their annual light show which includes, 355,926 total LEDs and lights, 270 trees decorated, 275 light poles decorated, more than 25 miles of light strings, half a mile of rope lights, and 400 wreaths.

The holiday light show will be on display every evening between 5 p.m. and midnight until January 7th. The light display costs the city parks department approximately \$115,000 to put on each year.

To get the best view, it's best to go up to the fifth story of the Visitor Information Center, which is open from 5-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-10 p.m. on Fridays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Sundays.

Brandon:

Located at 120 West Conifer Street in Brandon, there is another light show going on. The show performs Sunday - Thursday at 5:30PM - 9:30PM. And Friday - Saturday 5:30PM - 10:30PM. The show started Thanksgiving night and will run through New Year's Day. Simply pull to the side of the road, shut off your headlights, leave your parking lights on, and tune your radio to 93.1 FM to enjoy the show.

Madison's Magical Christmas:

On December 9th, the Madison Chamber is having a Christmas festival from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. It includes, meeting Santa, a free movie, sleigh rides, ice skating, community bingo, and the community Christmas tree lighting.

Pictures taken by Heather Huether at Falls Park

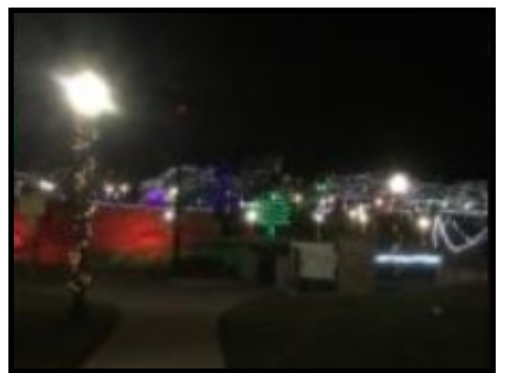
New club offers insights

by **Isaiah Miles Mader**
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Culture Club traveled to the University of South Dakota today to listen to the National Guard Band play their Christmas concert. Students also toured the National Music Museum, the MUC, and the rest of the campus.

Culture Club, new this year, is headed by MS/HS counselor Mrs. Pliska and gives students the opportunity to try new things and broaden their horizons on other cultures. This group has already taken a few trips and have more planned such as SDSU, DSU, and a special trip to see Pixar's new movie *Coco*.

Anyone is welcome to tag along on the Culture Club's field trips. Plus, students receive a get out of jail free card to miss an entire day of school for a fun learning experience.



Allegations run rampant

by **Isaiah Miles Mader**
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News has surfaced over the past weeks has revolved around sexual harassment allegations coming against numerous people in the government, entertainment, and news businesses. Women from all over the nation are speaking up about how they were assaulted in the past and have sparked a movement called #MeToo.

The social media movement is giving women the opportunity to tell their story and to confront the men who wronged them. It is opening the eyes of many and giving validation to the women speaking out against powerful men.

Many television stars and producers have resigned or been fired from their positions after allegations of sexual misconduct have surfaced. And if trends continue, many more may follow.

Mount Agung ready to blow

Indonesian volcano has been showing signs that a major eruption is imminent

by **Gregorio Arana**
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The highest point on the island of Bali, Mount Agung, started erupting last week but emergency agencies in Bali still warn of a larger eruption. The last time the volcano erupted was in 1963 which resulted in more than 1,700 deaths.

On the 21st of November the volcano had a phreatic eruption which is an explosion of steam that throws water, ash, and rocks out of the volcano. Four days later it had a magmatic eruption which means that magma actually reached the surface.

They issued a level 4 alert, the highest level of alert, because the larger eruption could happen at any mo-

ment. Flights were canceled because of the eruption and the 5.6 mile high ash clouds from Mount Agung. The eruptions also prohibited any public activities within a six mile radius around the volcano.

There are approximately 100,000 people living in the danger zone; around 30,000 of them have already evacuated their homes. Bali had rescuers going into the danger zone to help people but they often faced resistance as some of the locals don't want to leave their homes; some reasons are to protect gardens and livestock.

Bali is a very popular tourist destination in Indonesia and some of the tourists were stuck in Bali for three extra days because of Mount Agung erupting multiple times last Saturday. All of the flights were grounded until Wednesday.

After everything people in Bali have seen they expect the larger eruption to happen soon and have been preparing for it since the first signs of eruption, hoping to have a better outcome than 1963 but that is up to the volcano and the people in the evacuation area.



Mount Agung, one of the most picturesque sites in Indonesia, has been showing signs of eruption including consistent plumes of smoke and ash as well as a side of the volcano bulging.

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The petals are slowly falling

Derrick Rose's series of unfortunate events has propelled questions about his future

by **Mason Hofer**
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"With the First pick in the 2008 NBA Draft, the Chicago Bulls select, Point Guard Derrick Rose out of the University of Memphis" With these words, the Chicago Bulls unleashed a beast upon the NBA.

Rose started off his career hot. In the beginning, he was better than some of the best point guards in the NBA today. Rose won MVP of the regular season in 2011, the only Bulls player to get an MVP trophy besides Michael Jordan.

Rose was a slashing point guard; he didn't have the greatest jumper. But Rose could get whatever he wanted in the paint whether it was a crazy and-one layup, or a poster over a defender. He was said to be the most explosive point guard in NBA history by many.

Derrick Rose's historic career came to a halt during the 2011-2012 season. Rose missed 27 regular season games with various injuries. The Bulls still managed to make the playoffs, but Rose tore his left ACL in game one of the playoffs against the Philadelphia 76ers and Chicago struggled from there.

After his return in 2013, he played only 10 games before tearing his meniscus; he then tore it again in 2015. Rose has been out countless times since with various injuries, but still finds ways to power through and continue playing.

Rose hasn't been the same since that ACL tear in 2012. Rose's stellar performance before has declined to average level for a point guard which is amazing when considering the setbacks he has had. Rose was traded to the New York Knicks last season and played one year there.

In New York Rose averaged 18 points per game, and 4.4 assists per game, this was one of Rose's best seasons after the ACL tear.

After that year was over a video game called NBA 2k rates players on their season by giving them an overall rating, Derrick Rose's was a 78, and rookies Markelle Fultz and Lonzo Ball were both given 80s. This made a lot of people mad because it was the lowest they had ever rated Rose, a former MVP. NBA 2k never changed it.

Coming into this season, Rose signed a contract with the Cleveland Cavaliers, in hopes of getting a Championship. When you look at Derrick Rose's awards all he needs to be in the hall of fame, is a championship. The NBA hall of fame is a complete joke considering all you need is trophies, there are players in the hall of fame that average five points per game but are in the hall of fame because they played with Bill Russell, and got multiple championships. Rose's awards:

- 3x All Star
- 2008-2009 ROY
- 2008-2009 all-rookie
- 2010-2011 all-NBA
- 2010-2011 MVP

During preseason games Derrick was showing flashes of his MVP season making spectacular plays catching everyone by surprise. But, only seven games into the regular season, Rose is out with an ankle injury. Because of this debate about Rose's future in the NBA has come to an all-time high, his teammates have reached out to him telling him that they have his back no matter what. Speaking for all of the NBA fans, no matter what you choose, we will never forget what you've done for the NBA.

One-word word search

Search through the word scramble to find the word "EGGNOG"



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Holiday mad-libs for your lunch time enjoyment

First choose a word to match each of the 10 categories below. Then place your answers in the blanks of your holiday mad-lib.

1. Person in the room
2. Vehicle
3. Sport
4. Food
5. TV Show
6. Adjective
7. An action
8. A building
9. An object
10. Anywhere



North Pole. We took a magical _____(2) the majority of the way there; we rode reindeer the rest of the way. When we met Santa, we played _____(3) with him and the elves. We all were very tired afterwards, so we went inside and ate _____(4) while we watched _____(5). Then Santa took us back outside to see the _____(6) toy factory. All the elves were _____(7). He then took us into the _____(8) and the reindeer were all playing with a _____(9). After that Santa told us we could choose a present of our choice from _____(10).

Once upon a time _____(1) and I went to visit Santa in the

Not everything is peachy at the White House

Some dems making push to impeach the president

by **Isaiah Miles Mader**
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Recently, six congressmen have pushed forward articles to impeach President Donald Trump. The democrats placed together five articles of impeachment against the current president. These basis of these articles focus on the idea that Trump is a danger to our county if his leadership continues.

Although this process is still in its beginning stages and has grounds to be successful, it will be very difficult as only two presidents have been

impeached before: Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton.

In order for Trump to be removed from office, the House of Representatives must vote, requiring a simple majority. After that the Senate votes, which requires a 2/3 majority finding the president guilty. This will be difficult considering the heavy republican representation.

The impeachment clauses involved obstruction of justice after firing FBI Director James Comey and violating emoluments clauses which prohibit the president from receiving gifts from foreign countries and from profiting while in office. The final accusation is that Trump has undermined the nation's press and courts which threatens our nations democracy.



Derrick Rose in his prime took on the Miami Heat in a poster dunk moment. Photo courtesy of <https://mospitmisfits.wordpress.com/2011/05/28/nba-conference-finals-recap-may-24-26/> through the Creative Commons License.